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TAGS:ECOSOC

SUBJ:55TH ECOSOC: ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR WEST ASIA

REF: GENEVA 3646

1. AS OF NOON TUESDAY JULY 17 OUR POSITION ON WEST ASIAN  
ITEM HAS SERIOUSLY DETERIORATED. HARD VOTE COUNT ON MOTION  
TO POSTPONE OR SUSPEND IS AS FOLLOWS: YES-11, NO-21,  
ABSTENTIONS-3.

2. NO CHANGE IN YES COLUMN. FOUR ADDITIONAL NO VOTES I.E.  
VOTES AGAINST POSTPONEMENT OR SUSPENSION. ABSTENTIONS REMAIN  
AT THREE. ADDITIONAL VOTES AGAINST OUR POSITION ARE: MALAYSIA,  
INDIA, PHILIPPINES AND ARGENTINA. THREE NEW ASIAN VOTES ARE  
RESULT OF BLOC POSITION ADOPTED BY ASIANS IN SUPPORT OF LEBANESE  
RESOLUTION. IN ADDITION LATIN AMERICANS AS REPORTED REFTEL HAVE  
LEFT EACH COUNTRY TO VOTE ITS OWN INTEREST AND ARGENTINIANS  
ARE VOTING WITH GHORRA. IT WILL BE NOTED THAT ON THIS HARD  
VOTE COUNT GHORRA IS WITHIN 7 VOTES OF ABSOLUTE MAJORITY.  
IT IS CLEAR THAT KEY NOW LIES WITH SOVIETS AND AFRICANS.

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3. WEDNESDAY DURING BILATERAL LUNCH WITH SOVIETS WE INTEND GO ALL OUT FOR COMMITMENT AT LEAST TO ABSTAIN.

4. WE STILL WORKING INTENSIVELY ON AFRICANS AND BELIEVE WE HAVE BETTER THAN 50/50 CHANCE WITH GROUP. SUBJECT MATTER RELATING TO UGANDA VOTE SUBJECT OF SEPTTEL.

5. AMBASSADOR FERGUSON CONFERRED AT LENGTH WITH FRAZAO RE VOTING SITUATION. HE AND AMBASSADOR FERGUSON AGREED ONLY HOPE AT THIS TIME IS (A) DELAY ITEM COMING TO DISCUSSION AS LONG AS POSSIBLE BY EVERY CONCEIVABLE PARLIAMENTARY DEVICE AND (B) MAINTAIN ALL POSSIBLE PRESSURE ON GHORRA IN HOPES OF BREAKING HIM AWAY FROM INTENSE PRESSURE OF ARAB BLOC. IN ADDITION, WE HOPE TO DEVELOP SOME FACE-SAVING DEVIDE TO PERMIT GHORRA TO BACK DOWN GRACEFULLY IF HE IS SO INSTRUCTED BY BEIRUT (AT MOMENT THIS LOOKS DIFFICULT SINCE WE ASSUME GHORRA CAN COUNT VOTES AS WELL AS WE CAN). FRAZAO OBSERVED AND WE WHOLLY AGREE, THAT IF MATTER IS PUSHED TO A ROLL CALL BALL GAME IS OVER FOR US SINCE AT LEAST 7 "UNCOMMITTED" WILL FEEL COMPELLED TO VOTE WITH ARAB-THIRD WORLD GROUP.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: WE TRUST DEPARTMENT WILL GIVE SERIOUS

CONSIDERATION TO HOME CAPITAL DEMARCHE PARTICULARLY WITH LATIN AMERICANS I.E. BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, PERU AND VENEZUELA.

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